

has chosen to make the adoption of one measure by the senate, to wit: the bill entitled, an act for the valuation and assessment of property in this state, a sine qua non to the passage of any bill for the support of government or the payment of just debts due from the state. This measure has been rejected by the senate in the constitutional and rightful exercise of its powers. From time to time during the present session we have requested your body, which alone possesses power, to propose means to meet the aforesaid objects, and have offered earnest co-operation in any just measure you should devise for that purpose; to this end you have declined any intercourse with us. It was not for us to invade your constitutional privileges by suggesting plans of revenue, we have therefore recommended none of the means adverted to by you, yet we are not opposed to some of those mentioned. We did not, and do not feel that your rights or duty required that we should in a message assign reasons for the adoption or rejection of any measure proposed to us; various reasons influence different members in their votes, and it might be impossible for members of a senate coming unanimously to the same conclusion, to agree upon a distinct set of considerations which may have influenced them. So far as your message seeks a pledge of support to any measure or a particular course of conduct on the part of the senate, we say with one voice that we will never give such pledge to this or any future house of delegates. If, in the present unprovided condition of the treasury, your house determines to adjourn, we have only to lament that we have been unsuccessful in our efforts to obtain from you the means of revenue for the present year. At 9 o'clock we will receive the Governor and house of delegates for the purpose mentioned in your message.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

Mr. Dennis then moved to adjourn until to-morrow nine o'clock, on this motion the yeas and nays were required and appeared as follows: .

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. Dennis.—1

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Marriott, pres't. Forrest, Heath,
Herbert, Kennedy Rees,
Sewell, Whiteley.—8

Determined in the negative.

The message last proposed by Mr. Forrest was then read a second time.